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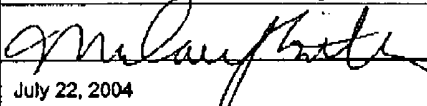
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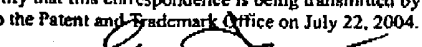
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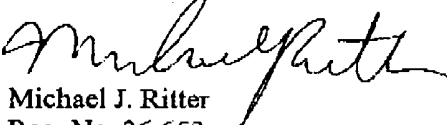
Applicant received a Notice that was mailed June 24, 2004 indicating that a statement needed to be filed as it was alleged that the subject application was related to the production or utilization of "special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 USC 2182.

Applicant requests reconsideration of this requirement as the subject application is not related to nuclear material or atomic energy as recited in the statute. Embodiments of the invention can be used in conjunction with nucleic acids, which is found in living organisms. Accordingly, it is believed that the statute that is cited does not apply.

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If a telephonic discussion would in any way expedite this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 408-446-8693.

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☐ "have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

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